

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> OPR, MNR

# **Introduction**

This matter proceeded by way of an *ex parte* Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 55(4) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "*Act*"), and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent and a monetary Order.

The landlord submitted a signed Proof of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declares that on October 3, 2014, the landlord sent both tenants Notices of Direct Request Proceedings by registered mail. The landlord provided a copy of the Canada Post Customer Receipts containing the Tracking Numbers to confirm these mailings. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with sections 89 and 90 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants have been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on October 8, 2013, the fifth day after their registered mailing.

#### Issues to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 46 and 55 of the *Act*?

Is the landlord entitled to monetary compensation for unpaid rent pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*?

#### Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

- A copy of the Proofs of Service of the Notices of Direct Request Proceedings served to the tenants;
- A copy of a residential tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and the tenants on February 20, 2014, indicating a monthly rent of \$1,800.00 due on the 1st day of the month for a tenancy commencing on March 1, 2014;

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- A Monetary Order Worksheet showing the rent owing for August 2014; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) sent by registered mail to both tenants on August 11, 2014, with a stated effective vacancy date of August 12, 2014, for \$1,800.00 in unpaid rent.

The landlord indicates she served the 10 Day Notice by registered mail on August 11, 2014 and has provided Canada Post Customer receipts and tracking numbers that confirm these registered mailings. In accordance with sections 88 and 90 of the *Act*, the tenants were both deemed served with this 10 Day Notice on August 16, 2014, five days after these mailings.

The Notice states that the tenants had five days from the date of deemed service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end. The tenants did not apply to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy within five days from the deemed date of service.

## Analysis

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and accept that the tenants have been deemed served with notice to end tenancy as declared by the landlord.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have failed to pay the rent owed in full within the five days granted under section 46 (4) of the *Act*.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenants are conclusively presumed under section 46(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the corrected effective date of the 10 Day Notice, August 26, 2014.

Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a monetary Order of \$1,800.00 for unpaid rent owing from August 2014.

### Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant(s). Should the tenant(s) fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord is entitled to a monetary Order in the amount of \$1,800.00 for rent owed for August 2014. The landlord is provided with these Orders in the above terms and the tenant(s) must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant(s) fail to comply with these Orders, these Orders may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as Orders of that Court.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: October 15, 2014